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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is:

- Information Disclosure Statement;
- PTO Form 1449 from priority application 09/132,783;
- Transmittal letter in duplicate; and
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Please charge any additional fees or credit any such fees, if necessary to Deposit Account No. 01-0467 in the name of Ohlandt, Greeley, Ruggiero & Perle. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, we are enclosing form PTO-1449 listing information that may be material to the patentability of this application, filed February 11, 2002.

The following citations listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449 were either (1) cited by or (2) submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in priority application Serial No. 09/132,783, filed August 12, 1998. Accordingly, copies of the references have not been submitted herewith (37 C.F.R. §1.98 (d)).

It is the applicants' belief that none of the citations describe that which is claimed in the present invention.

It should be understood that attention has been called to the citations that have been deemed to be pertinent to the claimed present invention. In concluding what was pertinent, the criteria employed was considered most appropriate in light of the invention shown in the present application. However, the Examiner or others may deem some other criteria to be just as appropriate or more appropriate. Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully urged to review the listed citations and to make the usual careful independent search for other prior art that may be pertinent.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing of the application, no petition or fee is required.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

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